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SUBJECT: ECONOMIC INDICATORS ON SMALLER OECD COUNTRIES:

- AUSTRIA

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THIS REPORT PROVIDES UPDATED STATISTICS ON AUSTRIAN ECONOMIC INDICATORS TO THE EXTENT THEY WERE AVAILABLE BY MARCH 15, 1978. STATISTICS FORWARDED IN PRECEDING REPORTS, ON WHICH NO NEW DATA HAVE BECOME AVAILABLE, ARE NOT REPEATED. ITEM NUMBERING IS KEYED TO THE INITIAL REPORT.

ECONOMIC INDICATORS

(A) OUTPUT AND DEMAND

- (3) RETAIL SALES (1973 100, REAL TERMS): 12/77:

- 180.9 -- UP 10.7 FROM 12/76, WITH GAINS OF

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- 38.6 AND 0.2 IN SALES OF DURABLES AND NON-

- DURABLES, RESPECTIVELY. TOTAL 1977 SALES WERE

- 7.0 HIGHER THAN 1976, WITH DURABLES UP 19.1

- AND NON-DURABLES 2.8 HIGHER. RECORD LEVELS

- OF TURNOVER WERE REACHED FOR MOTORVEHICLES

- (UP 27.6), OPTICAL EQUIPMENT (UP 29.2), AND

- ELECTROTECHNICAL PRODUCTS (UP 15.2).

(B) PRICE INDICES

- (2) WPI (1976 100): 2/78: 104.3

(E) LABOR

- (1) TOTAL EMPLOYMENT: 2/78: 2,711,817 -- HIGHEST
- NUMBER EVER REGISTERED IN THE SECOND MONTH OF
- THE YEAR.
- (2) UNEMPLOYMENT RATE (PERCENT): 2/78: 3.2.
- (3) GUEST WORKERS: 2/78: 170,305; 1/78: 164,396R.

(F) TRADE AND PAYMENTS

- (1) EXPORT VALUE (CUSTOMS BASIS FOB, AS MILLION):
- 1/78: 11,744.
- (2) IMPORT VALUE (CUSTOMS BASIS CIF, AS MILLION):
- 1/78: 17,941.
- (6) OFFICIAL FOREIGN EXCHANGE RESERVES (AS MILLION
- EQUIVALENTS): 2/78: 59,472; (2/77: 68,991).

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